

**ALTERNATIVES-TO-ABORTION SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT  
December 2017**



This report is submitted by the following:

Terry Cline, PhD  
Commissioner  
Secretary of Health and Human Services

Tina Johnson, MPH, RN  
Deputy Commissioner, Community and Family Health Services

Annette Wisk Jacobi, JD  
Director, Family Support and Prevention Service

Lisa Williams  
Administrative Programs Officer

## **ALTERNATIVES-TO-ABORTION SERVICES OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

On November 1, 2006, the Oklahoma statute<sup>1</sup> “Alternatives-to-Abortion Services” became effective. As required by the statute, a related Board of Health rule<sup>2</sup> was brought before the Board in September 2007.

### **GENERAL PURPOSE**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is to contract with non-governmental health care and special service organizations to provide alternatives-to-abortion services.

Alternatives-to-abortion services means “those services that promote childbirth instead of abortion by providing information, counseling and support services that assist pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children.” The services must be outcome-based with positive results.

### **MINIMUM AGENCY QUALIFICATIONS**

The Contractor must:

1. Have as part or in whole its purpose of assisting and encouraging women to carry their pregnancies to term and maximizing their potential thereafter.
2. Not provide abortions, promote abortions or directly refer to an abortion provider. However, any nondirective counseling relating to the pregnancy shall not disqualify the Contractor from receiving these funds.
3. Not be an affiliate of an agency that provides abortions, promotes abortions or directly refers to an abortion provider.
4. Not be a governmental agency and must be a not-for-profit organization.
5. Be licensed by the State of Oklahoma to provide adoption services.
6. Have been in operation and have provided adoption services for at least five years as of July 1, 2012.
7. Have written privacy policies and procedures in place to ensure client confidentiality, including, but not limited to, ensuring that the name, address, telephone number and any other information that might identify any woman seeking services is not made public or shared with any other agency or organization without the written consent of the woman.
8. Have written policies and procedures in place requiring all staff, paid and voluntary, to undergo a background check that covers criminal history in Oklahoma and other states that the staff or volunteer has resided.
9. Have written policies and procedures in place for the reporting of child abuse and neglect commensurate with Oklahoma law.

---

<sup>1</sup> Alternatives-to-Abortion Services 63 O.S. 1-740-11

<sup>2</sup> Alternatives-to-Abortion Services O.A.C. 310-527

10. Have written policies and procedures in place to ensure that women served are not discriminated against due to age, race, nationality, religion or marital status.
11. Be capable of collecting data and reporting the required data to OSDH on a monthly basis.

### **CONTRACTS**

Contracts were established with Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption Services and Birth Choice of Oklahoma - Rose Home for the month of June 2017 to assist and support pregnant women with their decision to carry their babies through to the delivery process.

Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption Services provided well-trained adoption counselors to counsel women and guide them through the adoption process if they chose to place their babies. The total amount of the contract was for \$2,500 and supported efforts during June 2017.

### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

<b>June 2017</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Pregnant women seeking adoption services	4
Babies placed for adoption	1
<b>Ages of Birth Mothers Seeking Services</b>	
10-20 years old	0
21-30 years old	4
31-40 years old	0
41-50 years old	0
Average age	25.75
<b>Marital Status of Birth Mothers Receiving Services</b>	
Single	3
Married	0
Divorced	1
<b>Counties of Residence of Birth Mothers</b>	
Oklahoma	4

The Rose Home, associated with Birth Choice of Oklahoma, provides temporary housing, counseling, medical care and a myriad of other supports to women with crisis pregnancies. The total amount of the contract was for \$2,500 and supported efforts during June 2016.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

<b>June 2017</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Pregnant women enrolling in Rose Home Services during June	2
Women living at Rose Home during June, but enrolled prior to June	2
Babies living at Rose Home	2
Babies placed for adoption	0
<b>Ages of Birth Mothers Seeking Services</b>	
10-20 years old	1
21-30 years old	2
31-40 years old	1
41-50 years old	0
Average age	23.25
<b>Marital Status of Birth Mothers Receiving Services</b>	
Single	3
Married	1
Divorced	0
<b>Counties of Residence of Birth Mothers</b>	
Oklahoma	4

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information regarding Alternatives-to-Abortion Services, please contact:

Lisa Williams

Administrative Program Officer

Oklahoma State Department of Health

(405) 271-7611

[LisaW@health.ok.gov](mailto:LisaW@health.ok.gov)